



***AIS REGION 15***  
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***"Tucson Low-Tech Trek"***  
***2010 R15 Spring Trek***  
***Tucson, AZ April 16th & 17th***  
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***"Valley of Arts & Flowers"***  
***R15 2009 FALL TREK***  
***LOMPOC, CA***



Lompoc Valley Iris Society



Margaret and George Sutton

The members of the Lompoc Valley Iris Society did an outstanding job hosting the AIS Region 15 Fall Meeting! The host hotel was comfortable and provided a wonderful full breakfast to all guests. The meeting room was filled with iris artwork, boutique items, a huge selection of raffle items of all kinds, and a silent auction of new introductions. The registration bags were crammed with information and goodies. As well as the obligatory Board meeting and 2012 Convention Committee meetings, we were treated to an entertaining and educational Judges Training on Artistic entries by Jane Troutman, with an assist from Mike Monninger. Keynote speaker was George Sutton, whose photos of new introduction and reblooming seedlings was breathtaking. George also lead a well-attended seminar on hybridizing irises that was a priceless sharing of years of experience and knowledge. Region 15 attendees were fortunate to get to visit the beautiful "Valley of Arts and Flowers" and enjoy the many lovely murals painted on buildings all over the charming town and the fields of flowers grown for seed surrounding it. Thank you, Lompoc! We all hope to visit again!





# **REGION 15 NEWS**

## **A Message from RVP Cheryl Deaton**

RVP MESSAGE  
by Cheryl Deaton

Greetings to all! I am happy to report that our region's affiliates completed the required paperwork with only a little arm twisting, e-mailing, telephoning and threatening. Sonoran Desert is alive and trying very hard to be a thriving club. With the help of all of us, I hope that we can get them to be successful once again.

I am looking forward to our Spring Trek in Tucson, Arizona. The "Low Tech Trek" will be an interesting alternative to bus trips and boardrooms. If you have room in your car for a 'trekkie' or two, make sure you tell the folks at the registration desk. Carpooling will help keep the expenses down, and makes for an opportunity to meet new irisarians. At last year's region 14 Spring Trek there was a mixup with the busses, and within a half hour those great folks in Santa Rosa Iris Society had gathered everyone into cars and produced maps and cell numbers for all the gardens. My husband and I traveled with some folks from Santa Maria and had a ball! This might be the future of Treks for our smaller clubs.



And of course, the chance to see beautiful gardens full of flowers is the real treat. The hybridizers are coming up with such gorgeous combinations of colors, patterns and bud count – wow! Who could resist? I have started getting the catalogs that make me anxious to see the real thing growing in a garden. One of the seedlings I saw growing at Mid America gardens last spring is a 2010 intro, and you know I've just got to get it! Do you know someone who would like to visit the gardens during a Spring Trek? You don't have to be a club member to attend – everyone is welcome. Think about bringing a friend to one of your club meetings. You never know when an irisarian might emerge!

Plans for the 2012 AIS National Convention are moving right along. There will be a meeting of the committee on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Tucson after the Region 15 Board meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the many sub-committees involved with a national convention, come to the meeting and make yourself heard. Or just sit quietly and observe for now. We have lots of time.

I am thinking of expanding our affiliates in California. We have members in the Bakersfield and Santa Barbara areas with no nearby clubs. Now would be an excellent time to see if there is any interest in forming a new club. When you have your shows, get people to sign up – "attend a meeting and get a free iris". If they tell you they don't live in the area, find out where they live and offer to send them some information. Have the 'Invitation to Join AIS' forms on display with someone nearby who can talk to people. It's a great chance to get new members. In case you haven't heard, the new Exhibitions Committee is up and running. Show schedules should be sent to Lois Rose, PO Box 30, Partlow, VA 22534. Supply orders should be sent to Susan Boyce, 5123 South 3500 West, Roy, Utah 84067. Paperwork for the final report should be sent to Karen & Ray Jones, 3004 Rosemoor Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031. Karen & Roy are also the people to contact regarding last years' show reports. If you didn't get your medals, send them a copy of your show report and they will take care of it for you.



The new *AIS Bulletin* is making its way around the country. The new magazine format is fabulous. Yes, it's a bit late, but it is worth waiting for! There are new features, lots of pictures, informative articles and a synopsis of the minutes from the AIS Board meeting in November. Glance over it and see just what's happening in our organization. It just might peak your interest.

I hope you'll join me in Tucson. Come up and introduce yourself! I'm always happy to meet a new friend and fellow irisarian. Until we meet, I wish you  
"Happy Irising!"



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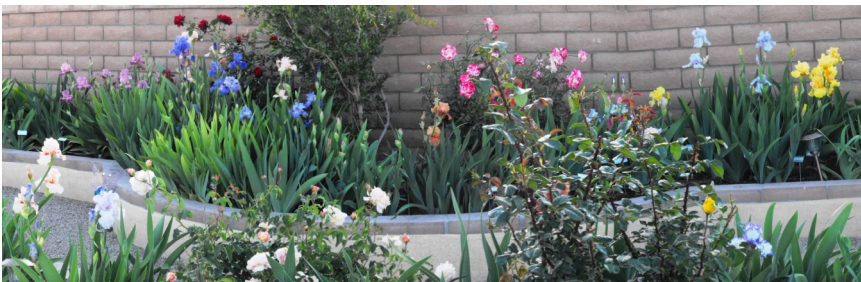
## **Tucson 2010 “Low Tech Trek”**

Please join us in Tucson, Arizona on April 16 & 17 for the Region 15 Spring Trek. This trek will be a little different than in the past—we are experimenting with the concept of a “Low Tech Trek.” Times are a little tough for all plant societies, including the American Iris Society and its affiliates. Many clubs don’t feel they can sponsor a spring trek due to the labor and cost associated with the way they have been done in the past. So—this trek is designed to provide the meetings, programs and gardens without big hotel and bus contracts! In fact, to stay true to the concept, we are foregoing all the little costly and labor intensive frills often associated with treks. The challenge is: How simple and inexpensive can we make this?? Come & see how our “experiment” turns out!!

The Registration form & schedule is on the last page of this newsletter. We have a full schedule of garden tours, board meeting, 2012 Convention meeting, and an Awards Banquet featuring speaker Hugh Stout of Dancing Tree Iris & Daylilies of Oklahoma City. Hugh and Jennifer Stout’s garden was a star of the OKC convention and he is starting to introduce his own irises. Classroom Judges Training will be Friday evening at the hotel—Karen Bergamo from New Mexico will give one hour on Ethics. In-the-garden Judges Training will be held at the Fenwick garden Saturday morning.

What we won’t have is busses and high registration costs—no decorations, raffles or table favors. Maps and directions to the four tour gardens will be available at registration & we will carpool caravan-style to the gardens as a group. Lunch will be near the hotel—on your own— at any of the dozens of restaurants in the area. Bring your own snacks—bottled water will be provided in the gardens. We are featuring the gardens of Dr. Paul Bessey, Richard & Diane Fenwick, Ben Herman and Gordon Jenson.

With an inexpensive room rate, we hope you will come early and stay after to enjoy some of Tucson’s many wonderful attractions. The hotel website [www.ramadafoothillstucson.com](http://www.ramadafoothillstucson.com) has an “attractions” tab that shows most of the tourist hotspots. The Tucson Botanical Garden features a large iris garden and a tropical butterfly exhibit. Bert Detwiler’s garden of Louisiana irises will be an optional garden to visit. The Desert Museum is a must-see, basically a combined zoo and botanical garden of the Sonoran Desert, set in beautiful Saguaro National Park. The admission is \$13 for adults & if there is interest, we’ll caravan out there Sunday morning.





# **LETTERS FROM OUR PRESIDENTS**

## **Spring 2010**

### **Southern California Iris Society President Mike Monninger**

Southern California Iris Society (SCIS) experienced a good 2009. Our 2009 auctions went well. The beardless auction was a bit slow and we will change things for 2010.

The Fall Meeting hosted by the Lompoc Valley Iris Society was well organized, held at a very nice facility and included lots of raffle/auction items. And of course the people are tops. It is too bad it wasn't better attended by other region clubs.

SCIS members are eagerly anticipating spring bloom of their iris procured in 2009. Most of us are out of room making space a premium. Iris that have dull blooms, grow weakly, or otherwise don't meet our standards will likely be visited by a shovel during late summer to make room for a new cultivars. An important function every one should do in the spring is check the bloom on new irises, even those from the hybridizer, against the catalog for correct identification.

Bob Sussman will give a program on Pacific Coast Native Iris on February 27 He owns a California native plant nursery and carries many PCNs. These little devils are real tricky to grow/transplant and any new viewpoint is welcome.

March will involve the Iris show on April 3 and 4, planning on the April 22 – 25 iris sales and exhibit in Huntington Beach.

SCIS will host its iris show on April 3 and 4 at the Los Angeles Arboretum in Arcadia. This will be the third year we will hold a joint show with the local hemerocallis and amaryllis society. This format has worked well because we fill the large room up with exhibits.

We do sell iris at the show but total sales are usually under \$400. Our major sale fundraiser will be April 22 through 25 at South Coast Plaza in Huntington Beach. Last year we expected sales to be low but we sold everything and grossed over \$4,000. We hope to be as successful this year.

May is dark.

June is our annual elections, show report, Region Trek report, and National Convention report.

July is dark

August and September are for bearded iris auctions.

October is the annual beardless auction which will be changed this year to increase interest.

November is dark.



### **San Diego Iris Society Janis Shackelford, President**

Our January meeting featured a slide show presented by member Katharina Notarianni. Last spring, she and her husband John visited iris gardens in California, Oregon, and Washington, including Sutton's Iris Gardens, Aitchen's Salmon Creek Garden, Cooley's Gardens, Schreiner's Iris Gardens and Napa Country Iris Gardens (Leslie and John Painter). We were treated to slides of the gardens, pictures of irises in bloom, introductions from each hybridizer, as well as promising seedlings and seedling beds.

February is our Birthday Party, celebrating the founding of our society. We will have a catered luncheon and special presentation by Fred Kerr of Rainbow Acres: "What's New in the Iris Patch".

March's program will be an iris roundtable discussion, a program that was very popular last year. Also in March we will also be selling rhizomes at the Del Mar Home and Garden Show.

In April we will meet at the commercial garden of Ted and Rose Howse, Iris Howse and Gardens, in Bonita. We will have a potluck luncheon and barbecue, tour their garden, and possibly have a presentation on preparing iris stalks for our Spring Show. Last year Ted demonstrated hybridizing and gave members the opportunity to make their own crosses.

May is our Spring Show and potted iris sale at Balboa Park and in June we will have the awards presentations and election of officers. We then break for summer with no meetings until October



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### **Prescott Area Iris Society** *By President Carolyn Alexander*

As the new PAIS President I look forward to all of the activities that our Iris Society will be involved in this Spring. We have already started the planning of our May spring Iris Show which will be at Mortimer's Nursery on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Show's Theme has been chosen as "Iris Impressions" with old artist master's floral paintings as our inspiration for the floral design portion of the show. The show's booklet is completed and we have AIS approval to move forward with our show. The judges have been selected and our April general meeting is scheduled to discuss preparing iris stalks for show and how to make floral arrangements. We will be using the CD from AIS called "It's Show Time" for a portion of the program.

Our first meeting of the year was on Sunday, February 21. Our new Vice President, Roger Osgood, showed slides from AIS titled "The Family of Irises". This slide presentation covers the various types of Bearded Irises and all about non-bearded irises as well. Roger discussed and showed slides of the Dutch, Spuria, Japanese, Louisiana, Siberian, Aril/Arilbred and many more types of irises.

The weekend after our Spring Iris Show we have an open garden tour of various iris gardens in Prescott. We are considering adding two other dates before the Iris Show for gardens that are outside of the Prescott. Plans are underway for an open iris garden in Yarnell and on another date in the Verde Valley area, as in both of these areas their irises bloom earlier than in the higher elevation of Prescott.

Many of the PAIS members indicated they will be traveling to Tucson for the Spring Trek. We look forward to seeing all of the beautiful irises and our fellow irisarians too.



### **Inland Region Iris Society** *President Carole Buchheim*

The biggest news from Inland Region Iris Society is that we have changed our meeting date, time, and location. For more than 20 years we have met on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at the Pedley Sizzler Restaurant in Riverside. Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., September 1<sup>st</sup> marked our very first meeting at the Janet Goeske Center in Riverside. For this grand opening event we had our Region 15 Iris Auction.

October brought Jerry Hoke from Overland Park, Kansas, to give a Judges Training presentation on Median irises. Jerry was the Guest Rhizome Chairperson for the 2009 AIS National Convention this last year. In November we had the privilege of having Fred Kerr of Rainbow Acres Iris Gardens give us a sneak preview on what's new and upcoming for 2010 introductions and beyond. December marked our annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange. This year we celebrated with a pot luck dinner to begin the festivities. Garden-related gifts marked the theme of our gift exchange.

In January I gave a PowerPoint presentation on Reblooming Tall Bearded Irises. This last year I created the double-header with two PowerPoint TB Reblooming Iris programs, featuring over 100 TB RE cultivars in each. The CD is a fundraiser for color printing of the Reblooming Iris Society "Recorder". It is available for \$20 plus \$1 shipping through: Rita Gormley, Membership Secretary, P.O. Box 177, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130. (Inquiries: Rita Gormley at [gormleygreenery@aol.com](mailto:gormleygreenery@aol.com)) Our February meeting will host Katherina Notarianni, the Convention Booklet chairperson for our 2012 AIS National Convention. She will give a presentation on her 2009 Iris Road Trip highlighting top iris hybridizer gardens in Central California, Oregon, and Washington.

In March Riley Probst and Shirley Trio will be our guests. Riley will give a presentation on Median irises, focusing on newer introductions and rebloomers. We would be delighted to have you visit. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra St., Riverside, CA 92504. The center is on the corner of Streeter Ave. and Sierra St. across from the large Sears store.



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### **Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society** **President Gail Lofdahl**

The Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society is branching out into new areas. In January we moved our monthly meeting location to the Agriculture building at the Antelope Valley College in Lancaster, California. This beautiful new facility—with both classrooms and extensive greenhouses—was first used for classes in the fall of 2009. To acknowledge our gratitude to the college, HDI&DS will make a monetary donation for the purchase of books or equipment, or to be used for a scholarship.

In 2010, our volunteers will work with the William J. “Pete” Knight Veterans Home in Lancaster, California, to help resident veterans design and cultivate raised, handicapped-accessible planting beds. Initial plans include planting at least one bed with patriotic-themed irises, and we may also place other irises around the grounds.

Cheryl Deaton will present “Irises in Your Drought-Tolerant Garden” at the annual Antelope Valley Home and Garden Show, held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster. We will also sell irises at the show, held March 19-21.

Our 2010 judged show, themed “Irises go to the Movies,” will be held at Antelope Valley College on April 24-25, in conjunction with our annual iris sale.



### **Sun Country Iris Society** President Ardi Kary

Sun Country Iris Society was pleased to host the Spring Trek for 2009. But, that is over and we have a challenge for our members this spring.

We have an Early Iris Exhibit each year that serves as a practice show for our AIS Spring Iris Show. It also gives us a chance to put our early blooming varieties and types on the show bench to show them off. These early blooming irises would not have the opportunity to be in a show because they bloom too early. At the exhibit, we can enter more medians and arilbreds along with tall bearded for our members and the [public to see. We have ballots that we hand out to the public and members who are visiting our exhibit and we ask them to vote for their favorites from the different varieties and types that are being shown. The public normally walks through the exhibit and enjoys the entries. When we ask them to vote, they take this job seriously and slow down and really look at and study each entry. We have found that the public usually votes very differently than AIS judges. It is interesting to see the list of winners as we count the ballots.

Our AIS Spring Iris Show comes several weeks after the Early Iris Exhibit. We try to enter the five types of irises that grow very well in our area: Tall Bearded, Median, Arilbred, Spuria and Louisiana. This is our “real” show, no longer a practice show. And, of course, the winners are determined by the AIS judges who are judging the show.

This year, we have a challenge. Our Early Iris Exhibit will be at the Southwest Flower and Garden Show and our Spring Iris Show will be at Baker Nursery. Because of the dates of the Southwest Flower and Garden show and the availability of dates at Baker Nursery, we will be having both the Early Iris Exhibit and the Spring Iris Show earlier than usual. Earlier, I believe, than our irises will be ready to bloom. We will use any tips and tricks we have heard about to get our irises to bloom in time for these events. If these tips and tricks work, we’ll write about them later.

We are accepting this challenge and are looking forward to a successful Early Iris Exhibit and Spring Iris Show.



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### **Lompoc Valley Iris Society**

President Ben Schleuning

Greetings from Lompoc Valley Iris Society. Here is our calendar for 2010

March 21 - meeting 2pm  
April 18 - meeting 2pm  
April 23 - set up iris show  
April 24 - Iris Show 10am to 4pm  
April 25 - Iris Show  
June 13 - Potluck/meeting 1pm Jeff & Holly's home  
Jul 23 - Sale prep 10am Larry's home  
Jul 24 - Iris rhizome sale, 10am to 1pm  
Aug 8 - Picnic at Larry's 1pm  
Oct 3 - Meeting 2pm  
Dec 11 - Holiday party TBA



### **Orange County Iris & Daylily Society**

President Ramona Richardson



We've had a good year. Our loyal core of 15-20 attendees have enjoyed a variety of programs. We have only 32 members that live within a hours drive so we were glad to welcome 6 new members. We have changed to a smaller meeting room which makes it easier to hear the speaker and makes for a friendlier atmosphere--saves money too.

In Nov. we had a big push to bring in guests for our wonderful Fairy Garden program.

Personal phone calls, lots of extra refreshments, and special gift plants for both the member and the guest they brought as well as the prize for the night being the completed Fairy Garden to bring home were all part of the promotion. Everyone had a great time even if no guests came to visit.

Changes include once again having a daylily procurement program; label stakes for sale as well as a gift to members; finding new ways to get iris rhizomes for our annual sale since we have lost some members or they have had to reduce the growing area. Also just starting 2 5x8 file boxes with cultivar photos to insert in wooden blocks for our annual plant sale. We sold all daylily fans for the first time because there was a photo on each fan.

Oops--no program!. It happens as we found out. We had two interactive member participation subjects. The first was favorite nurseries and catalogs to order from with their special emphasis. The second was sharing "Our favorite plant and why we like it" which brought a lot of participation. Make sure the speaker stands so it is easier to hear across the room.. If this happens again I will be ready. At 2 AM one night I made up a 30 question "Botanical Quiz". Now can I read my handwriting so I could type it?

Fall Trek is the focus for the next board meetings.





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## **Spring 2010**

### **Sonoran Desert Iris Society** President Darol Jurn

The past few months Sonoran Desert Iris Society has relocated their meeting place from the Beatitudes to the Phoenix Washington Community Center, holding meetings every other month. We plan to hold a non-sanctioned Iris show at the Montecito Retirement Facility in Peoria on April 10 with placing by popular vote by the residents.

### **San Fernando Valley Iris Society** President Steve Fletcher

This quarter's Membership Meeting schedule has included two presentations. Our November meeting featured a guest speaker, Bob Sussman, owner of Motijo Nursery in Moorpark, CA. Bob talked on California native plants, to which the nursery is devoted. He also spoke extensively on Pacific Coast irises, which are his latest focus.

December was our annual Holiday Potluck. It was a really excellent meal, and we were entertained by the Reseda Gospelaire, a singing group who had a program of—what else—seasonal favorites and oldies-but-goodies.

In January, we heard guest speaker Richard Richards onb “Irises around the Calendar, a presentation including I. Unguicularis, I Reticulata, Spurias and arilbreds—in other words, a lot other than tall bearded.

In February we enjoyed Jill Bonino's program on Tall bearded Iris in the Garden, which included Judges Training—thorough and well-illustrated.





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### **Verde Valley Area Iris Society**

Linda Smith – President

As I write this, I have an unknown iris blooming in my yard. It is a beautiful white with brown markings on the hafts and a yellow beard. I hope someday to find out what it is, but definitely will keep it, as it rebloomed after an early freeze this fall. I also had 'Violet Turner' rebloom. Another member, Janice Montgomery, had a beautiful clump of 'Bountiful Harvest.' The bottom line is: the Verde Valley is a great place to test and promote rebloomers. We are slowly acquiring these for members. Janice has become our Reblooming Chairman, as she is so excited to see this happening in her garden.

Our big push this year was getting members to label the iris names. We are in our 2nd year, so new members are just beginning to see the importance of names. It showed at the Rhizome sale—we were able to sell more named iris this year. We had fewer donations, but were able to sell them at a higher price because we knew the name. We took in \$870 at the sale, a little less than last year, but overall a good day. We ordered extra labels, and I made labels to go with most of the iri to encourage people to keep track of their iris. Also, each iris was stapled with info. I made a contact sheet showing irises for sale and e-mailed these thumbprint size photos in advance of the sale, along with descriptions.

Our "Clunker Program" was a lot of fun and brought in new members. We published ads saying that if you would bring in an unknown (mostly 'Crimson King' in this area) we would give you a named iris with a label. We ended the year with 34 members.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2010. We have two sales under our belt now and one show display. This year, I also sold at the local Farmers' Market, which peaked interest. The donations of Harold and Paula Ables from Flagstaff really got us going. He is a professional photographer, and not only dug up, cleaned, divided and cut, but included beautiful photographs of each iris with a description on each rhizome. We are working hard to potting iris for future sales. Most of us are out of room to plant any more iris. We hope to get these to businesses, schools and churches as a way of promoting iris in our town. We have joined the Chamber of Commerce, and with their help, I think this might happen,, if we can have an iris in bloom in a pot ready to plant. Sometimes, it's hard for people to look at a rhizome and see the beauty it can produce. My husband is always amazed that we can sell a dried up looking piece of a plant. He was my inspiration for potting—besides our garden is full. HA!

### **Tucson Area Iris Society** President Kathy Chilton

TAIS is getting ready for the Region 15 2010 "Low Tech Trek" here in Tucson, April 16 & 17th. The spring rains and warm temperatures are leading up to what should be a glorious bloom in the guest gardens. We look forward to seeing everyone here in beautiful Tucson!

Our January meeting featured a presentation of the 2009 International Iris Competition in Florence, Italy, presented by Kathy Chilton. The meeting also featured lunch at El Parador Restaurant. The February meeting was held at Sam Hughes Place & featured a local mother & son team. She does lovely original watercolor paintings of irises. He is an expert framer who showed us many different styles of framing and matting to enhance our iris photos and art. We enjoyed the program, lunch and fellowship. March will feature a plant sale at the Tucson Botanical Garden. Our iris garden there was replanted last fall and has had rebloom occurring on a regular basis. April is the Trek, August we'll be digging the guest irises, September will be the Potluck and Auction & October will feature the election of officers for 2011.





# **REGION 15 NEWS**

## **BLOOMIN' BUCKS! AIS Fundraiser**

AIS has teamed up with Brent & Becky's Bulbs to raise money for AIS. When you order spring & summer bulbs from Brent and Becky's Bulbs through the special website [www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com), they will donate 25% of the total to AIS! Here is how to do it: Go to [www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com) and click on the American Iris Society from their list of organizations. You will be sent to their ordering site for bulbs, gardening accessories, tools gifts & more. Share this with all your friends!!!

*Editor's note:* I have ordered from B&B's for years & consider them the very best source for bulbs anywhere. They give excellent service & top quality bulbs. I order hundreds every summer for my business & garden & highly recommend them. *Kathy Chilton*

### **YOUTH REPORT**

by Cheryl Deaton, AIS & Region 15 Youth Chair

Currently we have 5 youth members in our region. We could use many more. For some reason, there seems to be a resistance to getting young people involved in our society. Over in the San Fernando Valley, there is a Girl Scout troop that has quite a few girls entering the artistic division of their spring show every year, but they have been unsuccessful in convincing the leader or the girls' parents to join SFVIS.

We have attempted to enroll classrooms, 4-H youth, brownie troops and special education classes in the AIS youth program, but after an initial period, they decline to join. I cannot figure out why that is. It only costs \$5 to join the American Iris Society if you are under 19. \$9 if you want to receive *The Bulletin*. That \$5 entitles them to two issues of the youth newsletter, *The Iris Fan*, they get a Youth Handbook full of information about growing all kinds of irises, there is an annual coloring contest and an essay contest with cash prizes, and there is also the Youth division of the Photo contest. That's quite a bargain for \$5!!

If you know of someone under 19 who might like to grow irises, and get a terrific newsletter, enter contests, and have fun with flowers, sign them up! You just might be sponsoring a future hybridizer of the Dyke's Medal. I know you'll be glad you did. If I can help in any way, contact me at [region15kids@hotmail.com](mailto:region15kids@hotmail.com). Support young people – they are our future.

# CALIZONA GOLD

## 2012 AIS CONVENTION

### ONTARIO, CA—April 16-21, 2012

The 2012 Convention Committee has been meeting regularly, planning for Region 15 to host the AIS Convention in Ontario, CA. The Doubletree Inn near Ontario airport has been contracted as the host hotel. Four gardens will include the Huntington Library, Stanton's Iris Gardens, Mystic Lake Iris Gardens and Holk Memorial Iris Garden at Jurupa. There may be additional gardens added. Most of the affiliates in Region have volunteered to take on responsibilities during the convention. Everyone in Region 15 is needed to help with all the jobs entailed in this large, national convention! Here are some of the volunteers & information.

- Convention Co-Chairs: Jill Bonino (presiding officer) & Kathy Chilton (recorder)
- Treasurer & Registrar: Carol Huffman
- Guest Iris Chair: Mike Monninger
- Hotel: DoubleTree Inn, Ontario, CA
- Gardens: The Huntington, Holk Garden Jurupa, Mystic Lake, Stanton's
- Seedling Trial: Tucson, Kathy Chilton
- Boutique: Inland Region Iris Society
- Logo—Contest won by Leigh Moon—see the winner in the next newsletter!
- Bags & logo items—Van Gorders



• Next meeting is April 16th, 2010 in Tucson at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome—come and see what the excitement is all about!!

## Region 15 Newsletter ON LINE

**A FULL COLOR** edition of this newsletter is available on the Region 15 website:  
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**Region 15**  
**Region 15 Commercial Gardens**

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# **Region 15 Directory**

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### **WEBSITES**

Looking for when the next meeting will take place? What's the schedule at the National Convention? Need growing tips for your area? Do you just want to look at some beautiful iris photos, or see what happened at the last Spring Trek or Fall Meeting? You'll find what you're looking for on the internet! Check out these fabulous sites!

#### **Region 15 Website**

<http://www.region15ais.org>

Lots of pictures & event information.

#### **American Iris Society**

<http://www.irises.org>

Lots of info & links to clubs, gardens, etc.

#### **Tucson Area Iris Society**

<http://www.TucsonIris.org>

Iris photos, local hybridizers, events & more!

#### **San Fernando Valley Iris Society**

<http://www.geocities.com/sfvis>

Meeting and membership information.

#### **San Diego Iris Society**

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Events, club information & more.



#### **ATTENTION YOUTH MEMBERS**

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.....Vincent Van Gogh

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# Tucson 2010 "Low-Tech Trek"

(All the Fun - No Frills!)

Tucson, AZ

April 16th & 17th, 2010

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**Reserve by phone & mention "Iris Society" for rate: Regular room \$64.95 - Suite \$ 74.95**

Free Breakfast & Happy Hour @ 5pm. All rooms have coffee maker, microwave & refrigerator.

## Schedule

Friday, April 16th, 2010

Registration 2pm - 7:30pm

3:30pm **Region 15 Board Meeting**

4:30pm **2012 Convention Committee Meeting**

(Dinner on your own)

7:30pm **Judges Training -1Hour "Ethics" Karen Bergamo**

Saturday, April 17th

Registration 7:30am- 8:30am

8:30-11:30am -- 1pm-4pm : Garden Tours

- Maps & schedule available @ registration.

No busses - provide your own transportation. Lunch on your own.

6:00pm Buffet dinner & Meeting @ Hotel

(Chicken Divan, Grilled Veg., Salad, Rolls, Dessert)

Speaker: **Hugh Stout , Dancing Tree Iris & Daylilies, OKC**

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## Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL REGISTRATION** - includes Garden Tour & Banquet # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Partial reg. (please circle choice) **GARDEN TOUR** or **BANQUET** Only # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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